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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER MEETS WITH CORTES FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. AS PART OF SERIES OF MINISTERIAL BRIEFINGS OF CORTES, FONMIN LOPEZ BRAVO MET WITH ITS FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE IN CLOSED SESSION MAY 16, MAKING INITIAL PRESENTATION OF ABOUT AN HOUR AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS AFTERWARDS. SESSION WAS CONDUCTED FOR FIRST TIME UNDER NEW CORTES REGULATION PERMITTING PROCURADORES TO COMMENT ON MIN'S REPLIES TO THEIR QUESTIONS. CONTENTS OF QUESTIONS AND REPLIES WERE NOT DISCLOSED EXCEPT THAT MOST CONCERNED PROBLEMS OF FISHING AND OTHER ASPECTS OF RELATIONS WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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MOROCCO. SINCE FOMIN WAS UNABLE TO REPLY TO ALL QUESTIONS FORMULATED IN TIME AVAILABLE, HE AGREED TO HAVE ANOTHER MEETING WITH THE COMMITTEE AT A DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED IN THE FUTURE.

2. FULL TEXT OF MIN' S INITIAL PRESENTATION WAS NOT RELEASED BUT ABBREVIATED VERSION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO MEDIA. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF THIS VERSION.

A. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

SPAIN' S POSITION AND RESOURCES REQUIRED IT TO HAVE A GLOBAL, DYNAMIC AND INDEPENDENT INTERNATIONAL POLICY. AS AN ECONOMIC POWER, IT OCCUPIED FIFTH OR SIXTH PLACE AMONG 35 COUNTRIES IN EUROPE AND BETWEEN TENTH AND FIFTEENTH PLACE AMONG 140 COUNTRIES OF WORLD. STRATEGICALLY, IT WAS SITUATED AT ENTRANCE OF MEDITERRANEAN, DOMINATING GIBRALTAR STRAIT; ON EUROPEAN BALCONY OVER ATLANTIC ACROSS FROM THE THREE AMERICAS AND GUARDING MARITIME ACCESS TO CENTRAL AND NORTHERN EUROPE; AT THE CONTINENTAL TERMINAL OF WEST EUROPE AND ON THE BRIDGE TO AND FROM NORTH AFRICA. IN THE WESTERN CULTURAL WORLD, IT CONSTITUTED A VIGOROUS AND EXPANDING SOCIETY. IN THIS CONNECTION, PRESIDENT NIXON HAD RECENTLY TOLD HIM THAT SPAIN WAS CURRENTLY THE YOUNGEST COUNTRY OF EUROPE BY VIRTUE OF THE AVERAGE AGE OF ITS POPULATION AS WELL AS OF ITS LEADERS. IN RESOURCES, SPAIN' S FUTURE WAS AS AN INDUSTRIAL COUNTRY WITH SPECIALIZED AGRICULTURE, WITH A NEED TO EXPORT;

B. RELATIONS WITH WESTERN WORLD

SPAIN WAS FOLLOWING POLICY OF STRENGTHENING TIES WITH WESTERN WORLD THROUGH ITS HERITAGE AND FREE ELECTION, THOUGH IT WAS NOT PART OF ANY BLOC AND DEFENSIVE AGREEMENTS WITH PORTUGAL AND US LEFT SPAIN ITS FULL SOVEREIGNTY AND FREEDOM OF ACTION AT SAME TIME THAT IT COORDINATED ITS DEFENSIVE EFFORTS. SPAIN WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE GENERAL LINES OF KISSINGER' S ADDRESS OF APRIL 23 ON NECESSITY TO RESHAPE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, GIVE JAPAN A PLACE IN THE WESTERN WORLD AND REORGANIZE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LIFE ON BASIS OF EQUITABLE CONSIDERATION OF INTERESTS OF ALL COUNTRIES. PRESIDENT NIXON AND OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS OF HIS ADMINISTRATION HAD INDICATED TO LOPEZ BRAVO THAT THEY ANTICIPATED AN IMPORTANT ROLE FOR SPAIN IN EUROPE' S FUTURE.

C. GIBRALTAR

LOPEZ BRAVO REGRETTED THAT CLIMATE OF CORDIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN SPAIN AND MOST OTHER COUNTRIES DID NOT EXIST WITH UK BECAUSE OF GIBRALTAR PROBLEM. HE DESCRIBED HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH DOUGLAS HOME, TO WHOM HE HAD INDICATED THE POSITIVE RESULTS IN EVERY SECTOR THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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WOULD FOLLOW BRITISH- SPANISH UNDERSTANDING ON BASIS OF RETURN TO SPAIN OF THIS PIECE OF SPANISH TERRITORY. THE POSITIONS OF BOTH PARTIES BEING CLEAR, IT WAS CONSIDERED OPPORTUNE TO END THE SERIES OF INTERVIEWS BETWEEN THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS. IT WAS NOW UP TO THE UK TO INTRODUCE SOME NEW ELEMENT IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PROBLEM. FOR ITS PART, SPAIN WOULD NOT BE LACKING IN PATIENCE OR FIRMNESS.

D. CSCE

IN THIS CONFERENCE, EUROPE HAD TO BE CONSIDERED IN ITS ENTIRETY, WHICH WAS ESSENTIAL FOR SPANISH SECURITY. FORMULAS HAD TO BE DEvised WHICH TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF COUNTRIES ON THE SHORES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN WHO SHOWED INTEREST IN THE CONFERENCE, PARTICULARLY ALGERIA AND TUNISIA. IN DISCUSSION OF THE PRINCIPLES GOVERNING RELATIONS AMONG STATES AND SPECIFICALLY IN RELATION TO PROPOSALS ON

INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS, SPAIN HAD MADE A FORMAL RESERVATION IN STATING ITS CLAIM TO GIBRALTAR.

E. INTEGRATION IN EUROPE

CONSCIOUS OF COMMERCIAL CONSIDERATIONS, THE GOVERNMENT HAD ESTABLISHED ITS OBJECTIVE OF INTEGRATING SPAIN IN EUROPE. THE ACCORD OF JUNE, 1970, WITH THE EEC HAD WORKED WELL FOR BOTH PARTIES IN ITS FIRST TWO YEARS, EXPORTS (UNDER THE ACCORD) INCREASING BY 44 PCT AND IMPORTS BY 33 PCT IN THAT PERIOD. IT WAS NOW NECESSARY TO REVISE THE BALANCES AGREED UNDER THIS ACCORD, SINCE THEY HAD BEEN DISTURBED BY EXPANSION OF THE COMMON MARKET, AND TO GIVE ATTENTION TO OTHER CONSEQUENCES, NOTABLY THE CONCLUSION OF AN INDUSTRIAL FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EEC AND EFTA. THERE WOULD BE A NEW NEGOTIATION IN 1973 WHOSE RESULTS WOULD TAKE EFFECT IN JAN 1974 . THIS WOULD MARK ANOTHER STEP IN RELATING THE SPANISH ECONOMY TO THE EUROPEAN. MEANWHILE, AN ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL HAD BEEN SIGNED IN JAN 1973, WHICH PROTECTED SPANISH INTERESTS AND OFFERED HOPE FOR NEGOTIATION OF A NEW ACCORD WITH EXPANDED EEC. THE LATTER WOULD HAVE TO HAVE A GLOBAL CHARACTER AND LEAD TO ELIMINATION OF ALL BARRIERS TO TRADE . THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR DESERVED ABSOLUTE PRIORITY IN THE FUTURE AGREEMENT.

F. RELATIONS WITH MOROCCO

IN ANALYZING RELATIONS WITH MOROCCO, LOPEZ BRAVO GAVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO PROBLEMS POSED BY MOROCCAN DECISION TO EXTEND UNILATERALLY ITS FISHING JURISDICTION AND DESCRIBED EVOLUTION OF THIS MATTER AND POLICY FOLLOWED BY VARIOUS COUNTRIES. HE NOTED THAT THE US, SPECIFICALLY PRESIDENT TRUMAN, FIRST BROKE THE TRADITIONAL LINE BY INITIATING THE DOCTRINE OF RECOGNITION OF " SPECIAL INTEREST" OF THE RIPARIAN COUNTRY AS REGARDS RESOURCES OF THE OVUAN, AND IN CONSEQUENCE,

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COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA, AFRICA AND EUROPE HAD ADOPTED MEASURES TO EXTEND THEIR TERRITORIAL WATERS. HE ALSO NOTED INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE FOLLOWED UNTIL THE LOS CONFERENCES AND PERSPECTIVES FOR THE FORTHCOMING SUCH CONFERENCE.

G. RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA

LOPEZ BRAVO RECALLED HIS VISITS TO 17 COUNTRIES OF LA AND ATTENTION GIVEN BY SPAIN TO THIS AREA IN VARIOUS FIELDS, REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL SYSTEMS, APPLYING A STANDARD THAT SPAIN WISHED TO HAVE APPLIED TO ITSELF; STRICT RESPECT FOR THE ORGANIZATION WHICH THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES ADOPTED FOR THEMSELVES. SPAIN PROPOSED SUPPORT FOR THE DOCTRINE OF IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM WHICH WAS NOW MAKING PROGRESS IN THE OAS. FACT THAT SPAIN' S POLICY TOWARD LA WAS BASED ON ACTIONS, NOT WORDS, REFLECTED IN VISITS TO SPAIN OF OAS SECGEN, LA MINISTERS OF DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND REPS OF ANDES COUNTRIES. REGRETTABLE EXCEPTION IN GENERALLY CLOSE AND CORDIAL SPANISH RELATIONS WITH LA WAS MEXICO. THIS WAS NOT FAULT OF SPAIN BUT OF OBSTINACY OF MEXICAN GOVERNMENT. THEIR FUTURE RELATIONS WOULD DEPEND ON WILL OF BOTH PARTIES, NOT ON UNILATERAL DECISION OF ONE OF THEM.

H. RELATIONS WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES

SPAIN' S POLICY TOWARD THE COUNTRIES OF EAST EUROPE AND CHINA WAS DETERMINED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND EVERY ONE OF THE STEPS LOPEZ BRAVO HAD TAKEN IN IMPLEMENTING THIS POLICY HAD BEEN KNOWN AND AUTHORIZED

SPECIFICALLY BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND, WHERE PARLIAMENTARY ACTION WAS REQUIRED, BY THE CORTES. ALL THIS HAD BEEN DONE WITHOUT YIELDING ANYTHING FUNDAMENTAL OR LOWERING SPAIN'S GUARD. WITH THE MOST RECENT STEP, RELATIONS WITH PEKING, THE OPENING OF SPAIN'S DIPLOMATIC HORIZON WAS BEING COMPLETED, IN AGREEMENT WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF A GLOBAL, DYNAMIC AND INDEPENDENT POLICY WHICH HAD TO BE PURSUED DAY BY DAY.

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